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(September 3, 2010) The Armstrong Atlantic State University College of Health Professions has been awarded $494,686 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

The funds, allocated through the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program, will benefit Armstrong students with financial need who are enrolled in selected health professions and nursing programs. Undergraduate health profession programs include communication sciences and disorders, medical technology, nursing and radiologic sciences. Graduate health profession programs include communication sciences and disorders, health administration and public health.

“These scholarships will benefit students across the College of Health Professions and are not limited to a single department,” said Dr. Shelley Conroy, dean of the College of Health Professions. In addition, they will provide support for students both in undergraduate and graduate programs and allow them to focus on their academic and graduation requirements.

The SDS program is designed to increase the numbers of disadvantaged students’ in health professions education by assisting them with the cost of tuition. The SDS funds will be used to award partial or full scholarships to eligible students enrolled on a full-time basis. Scholarships can cover tuition, books and other education-related expenses.

“This additional source of funding can be very important for students who are struggling financially to stay in school and looking for that little bit of help in order to finish their degree,” said Donna Brooks, assistant dean of the College of Health Professions and principal investigator of the grant.

Students who think they may be eligible should apply immediately, Brooks said.

Students who qualify may receive funds to cover expenses for the current fall semester and the spring 2011 semester. An online application form is available at:

http://www.armstrong.edu/images/finaid/SDS_Application.pdf